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ATTN: S/S

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: OVIP (NIXON, RICHARD)

SUBJ: MOSCOW SUMMIT: SUPPORT FOR THE  
SECRETARY'S VISIT: REQUIREMENTS FOR  
S AND S/S

REF: STATE 131101

1. S/S CONTROL OFFICER IS FSO WARREN ZIMMERMANN.
  2. AS ACKNOWLEDGED REFTTEL, FIRM IDEA ON SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL HAVE TO AWAIT ADVANCE PARTY'S SPECIFICATION OF WHITE HOUSE REQUIREMENTS. IN GENERAL, REQUIREMENTS SEEM FEASIBLE, WITH EXCEPTION OF POSSIBLE PROBLEMS NOTED BELOW.
  3. ROUND-THE-CLOCK SECRETARIAL HELP FOR S/S, PER PARA 3, IS A PROBLEM. CAN DEPARTMENT PROVIDE THREE TDY SECRETARIES?
  4. RE: PARA 4, A. ASSUMING SECRETARY IS HOUSED IN KREMLIN, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO FIND KREMLIN OFFICE SPACE FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, BUT THIS WILL HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED WITH ADVANCE PARTY. IF SECRETARY'S SUITE
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AND HIS SPECIAL ASSISTANTS' OFFICE ARE BOTH IN KREMLIN,

WE ANTICIPATE NO PROBLEM WITH TELEPHONES AND INTERCOM (WHICH WOULD BE INSTALLED BY SOVIETS). IF THERE IS NO ROOM IN KREMLIN FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANTS' OFFICE, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE SET UP IN ROSSIYA, WHICH WOULD MAKE INSTALLATION OF INTERCOM MORE DIFFICULT.

5. RE: PARA 4, B. S/S OFFICE IN THE CHANCERY IS FEASIBLE, THOUGH IT WOULD BE QUITE CRAMPED. WE WOULD PROPOSE TO SET UP S/S IN POLITICAL SECTION, AS WAS DONE DURING SECRETARY'S VISIT IN MARCH. ALTERNATIVELY, S/S MAY WANT TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE ADVANTAGES OF SETTING UP OFFICE IN ROSSIYA, AS IN 1972; THESE INCLUDE MORE SPACE AND CLOSER PROXIMITY TO SECRETARY; COURIER SERVICE FROM EMBASSY TO ROSSIYA WOULD BE FREQUENT.

6. RE: PARA 5. WE WILL HAVE A BETTER FIX ON CAR AVAILABILITY FOLLOWING DISCUSSION WITH ADVANCE PARTY. INTRA-CITY COURIERS DO POSE A PROBLEM. IN USSR TWO COURIERS ARE REQUIRED TO TRANSPORT ANY CLASSIFIED MATERIAL, THUS DOUBLING PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS FOR INTRA-CITY COURIER ACTIVITIES. EMBASSY WOULD BE UNABLE TO PROVIDE ENOUGH PERSONNEL TO SATISFY COURIER REQUIREMENTS FOR PRESIDENT'S AND SECRETARY'S PARTY. ACCORDINGLY, WE REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT PROVIDE SIX ADDITIONAL TDY COURIERS WITH DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS.  
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